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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: OCS Program Call Hearing with PPB

25X1 1. [] asked if the DDI intention to use only the shallow indexing part of CHIVE, as presented in its Program Call, had been coordinated with OCS. The answer was no. Mr. Briggs noted that a joint task force had been set up four years ago and the rules are still valid. He is aware of DDI's views on CHIVE, however, OCS still plans full support to the task force, for example, [] in OCS in FY 1969. He also noted that CAPRI, which is a part of CHIVE, will probably be a powerful file maintenance capability. It is a good element of CHIVE, but it will go on anyhow, admitting the possibility of some revision in later years.

25X1 2. [] speaking for DDI, said that their intention in the CHIVE comments was to get maximum efficiency in OCR and still reduce people. He questioned what the CHIVE job is, what are the input-output requirements, how many people will be required for input purposes? He said that this CHIVE comment was part of a general plan of action to reduce people in OCR and, in fact, all reference activities.

3. Mr. Briggs said that the [] investment to date was now so close to possible payoff, it must be continued in order to prove its value. The major gain in CHIVE may be in the collection management area and not so much in analysis or production.

4. DDI agrees that CHIVE should go through the three test stages and also that we should look for other applications, particularly for CAPRI. They are not going to dump CHIVE solely to reduce people. They just

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want to "evaluate" the CHIVE program. In a discussion of the ultimate use of CHIVE, whether it be on a regional or world-wide basis, Mr. Briggs emphasized that the cost for software and people in OCS will remain as planned simply to get the problem to the final evaluation stage. The OCS equipment plan is based on operating CHIVE through phase four of the agreed task force plan.

5. The coordination question was once again resurrected without productive issue. Then [] asked what relation CHIVE and other OCS activities have to IPRD. Mr. Briggs replied that it is really too early to say yet. He emphasized the difficult communication problem between ORD and OCS, but he also said that they have a formal link with the IPRD people, mainly to define the division of responsibilities. As a general rule, he recommends that people in the Agency go to OCS first to see if they can solve the problem or provide service with OCS facilities. If this is not possible, then he recommends that OCS go to IPRD to solve an R&D problem. The reason for this is that OCS feels it is best able to define ADP problems to IPRD.

6. [] in relation to SIPS, said that the coordination between his group and OCS is quite satisfactory. He believes the only significant problem is to get enough support from OCS. This is not a condemnation of OCS but a recognition of the problem. Mr. Briggs then outlined the personnel plans which OCS has to support SIPS. It starts with [] in FY 1968. [] in FY 1969 and then tapering off [] by 1973.

7. Mr. Briggs also noted that SIPS is not much affected by the kind of hardware which OCS is planning. OCS hardware capacity plans should be more than enough for SIPS in the foreseeable future.

8. In answer to the question of why the Spectra 70 computer was purchased, [] said that the Spectra 70 will increase the capability to do current jobs done on the 501 computer. Both computers must be kept for a reasonable period of time in order to service DDS requirements. In 1968 the 501 probably will be

deleted. In any case, Mr. Briggs intends to delete the 501 as soon as possible.

25X1 9. Concerning the possible assignment of SIPS entirely to one Directorate, both Mr. Briggs and [] said that on the surface, of course, it seems logical to assign such a task to one place. However, the division of responsibilities between the two Directorates, DDS&T and DDS, have advantages which far outweigh the possible advantages of a single manager. They both agreed that the "competition," as it stands now is good for the system and they see no reason to rock this boat now for no good reason. The agreement between [] and Mr. Briggs on this subject was complete and emphatic.

25X1 10. It was agreed by all present that a valid target area distribution for OCS is not possible.

11. Concerning COINS, Mr. Briggs said that the key to such a system is the selection and updating of the file material. He cannot see a clear way for an inter-agency system, such as COINS, to control filing systems. He also maintained that his position in COINS has not changed and if he were specifically directed to the question, he would recommend that the DCI take steps now to halt COINS or at least the Agency input to it. The point that he made quite clearly was that there is now an interchange of reference files between government agencies which have a use for them and that COINS is not likely to improve the system.

25X1 12. OCS declined to discuss in depth the fifth questions from [] which asked how the OCS operations staff compares in size with other computer centers. The comparison of size is not a valid point to make. OCS has a job to do for the Agency and it should be staffed and funded for this job. Comparison with another computer operations staff, such as DIA, has no validity.

13. The last major item concerned the need for providing a back-up file of critical data. We do not

25X1 have such a back-up file. It is a source of some concern, not only to OCS but other people in the Agency. [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] can duplicate and store selected tapes and some have been done, specifically for SANCA. OCS has no idea at the moment how many people or how much money would be needed to provide a complete back up of all OCS tape files. They will, however, address themselves to this point because all agreed that this was a valid and fundamental issue which should be presented to the DCI as a point to be resolved. 25X1

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Questions for Review of Prog Submission - OCS

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